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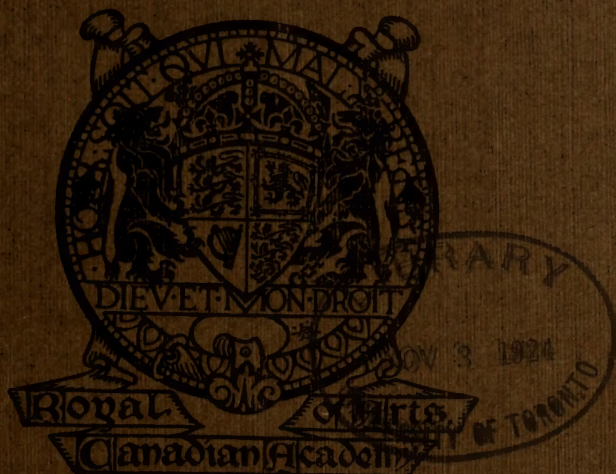
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OBJECTS OF THE ACADEMY.

The objects sought to be attained by the Royal Canadian Academy are hereby declared to be: the encouragement of Design as applied to Painting, Sculpture, Architecture, Engraving and the Industrial Arts, and the promotion and support of education leading to the production of beautiful and excellent work in manufactures; to be attained by

FIRST.—The institution of a National Gallery at the seat of Government.

SECOND.—The holding of Exhibitions in the principal cities of the Dominion.

THIRD.—The establishment of Schools of Art and Design.

CONSTITUTION
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THE ROYAL CANADIAN ACADEMY

SECTION I.

MEMBERSHIP.

1. There shall be two orders of members of the Academy, viz.: Academicians and Associates, all of whom shall be artists by profession, and either painters, sculptors, architects, engravers or designers, who shall be British subjects, or, if aliens, permanent residents in the Dominion of Canada.

2. That said Academy shall consist of not more than forty Academicians, of whom not more than ten shall be architects, not more than three engravers and not more than six designers, and of an unlimited number of Associates. At the discretion of the Academy the Academicians may consist of a smaller number.

3. An Academician shall be an artist by profession who has been duly elected as hereinafter provided, and shall have contributed to the National Gallery of the Dominion, a picture, piece of sculpture, design or engraving approved and accepted by the Council as a satisfactory specimen of his work in his particular branch of art, and shall have signed the obligation to abide by the laws of the Academy, and shall have received a diploma signed by the Governor General.

4. An Associate shall be an artist by profession, duly elected as hereinafter provided, who shall have received his diploma signed by the President and Secretary.

5. If any Academician or Associate shall have wholly neglected, during a period of three years, to communicate, personally or by letter, with the Secretary, so as to afford the means of authentic information as to his existence and place of residence, or shall have failed to exhibit at three consecutive yearly exhibitions of the Academy, he shall be considered as having ceased to be a member of the Academy, and his place shall be declared vacant accordingly at the discretion of the Council.

6. There shall be an honorary retired class of Academicians. Those Academicians who are desirous of being admitted into such class shall signify their wish by letter addressed to the Secretary. The application shall be considered by the Council, and, if approved by it, shall be brought before the General Assembly, and, if confirmed by a majority of votes, the applicant shall be admitted from the date of such election an honorary retired member. He shall retain the title of Academician; he shall be invited to the private view and varnishing days, and to any social gathering in connection with the Exhibition, but shall not be eligible to serve on Councils or in General Assemblies; such retired Academicians shall not be required to contribute to the funds of the Academy.

7. There shall be another order of members to be called Honorary Non-resident Academicians, consisting of distinguished artists not resident in the Dominion. They shall be presented with a diploma signed by the President and Secretary. The election of Honorary Non-resident Academicians shall be by ballot, in the manner following. Separate Nomination Books shall be kept in charge of the Secretary, in which Academicians and Associates may inscribe the name or names of non-resident artists of high repute, either painters, sculptors, architects, or engravers, and a separate page shall be reserved for each such nomination, whereon members of the Academy having knowledge of the works of such artists so nominated may add their signatures in token of approval and a recommendation for election. It shall be the duty of the Council to examine such Nomination Book, when, should the Council agree in the propriety of recommending any such non-resident artists for Honorary Membership, a resolution to such effect shall be submitted to the General Assembly at the time of the Annual Exhibition, when should the majority of the General Assembly concur by ballot in the recommendation of the Council, the election shall then be decided.

8. There shall be another order of members, called Non-Resident Academicians, consisting of members non-resident in the Dominion. They shall retain the title of Academicians, and their names shall appear on all printed lists of members. The Council shall have the right, from time to time, to transfer the names of those who have permanently left the Dominion from the active class of Academicians. They shall not be required to pay fees, and shall not be eligible to serve on the Council or at General Assemblies.

9. Women shall be eligible for membership in the Academy, but shall not be required to attend business meetings, nor will their names be placed upon the list of rotation for the Council.

SECTION II.

OFFICERS.

The government of the Academy shall be vested in a Council to be composed of the President, Vice-President and twelve Academicians to be appointed as next hereinafter provided.

1. The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected from among the Academicians by ballot at the Annual General Assembly. In the event of no name receiving a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot for each office, the balloting for that office shall be continued till a majority exclusive of a vote of the presiding officer is obtained. Ballot papers from absent members, after having been authenticated by the presiding officer and Secretary, shall be handed to the scrutineers, who shall open and count them on the first ballot to the office they specify, but on succeeding ballots such votes from absent members shall not count. A majority of the votes actually cast in each ballot shall secure an election. The scrutineers shall be appointed by the presiding officer.

2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of Council and at the General Assembly. In his absence the chair shall be taken by the Vice-President and, in the absence of both, by a deputy appointed by the

President. The President shall have power to assemble the Council as often as he shall think it necessary, and the General Assembly, at the time of the annual exhibition, but shall have no vote in either unless the suffrages are equal, in which case he shall have a casting vote. He shall have power to nominate one of the Council to act as chairman at Council meetings in the absence of the President and Vice-President. The President or his deputy, and no other person, shall have power to summon either the Council or General Assembly. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall have the same powers. In the event of the Vice-President being unable to undertake the President's functions, the President may nominate another Academician as deputy.

3. It shall be the business of the Secretary to keep the minutes of the Council and General Assembly, to write letters, to send summonses, attend during the arrangement of the Exhibition, make out the catalogues, etc., issue ballot forms for election of officers and members to those having the right to vote and being unable to attend at elections. He shall have the direction of the servants of the Academy, keep the accounts, receive moneys due to the Academy, pay the same to the Treasurer and take his receipt therefor. The Secretary shall have no vote either in the Council or General Assembly. All summonses to meetings of the Council shall be sent by registered letter, and, in order to reach all parts of the Dominion in which members may reside, the time elapsing between the date of despatch of such registered letter and holding of such meeting shall be at least fourteen days.

4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys collected by the Secretary, to give a receipt for the same, and deposit the same on account of the Academy in a chartered bank to be specified by the Council.

He shall not be at liberty to dispose of any moneys without an order of Council countersigned by the President or his deputy and by the Secretary. In the month of December in each year, or such other month as the Council shall determine, he shall submit a statement, audited as hereafter provided, of the receipts and disbursements of the preceding year, with all vouchers for the same, also a statement of the assets and liabilities, and he shall be summoned to all meetings of Council by right of his office, but shall have no vote except he be a member of Council for the time being.

5. There shall be two auditors elected at the Annual General Assembly. They shall examine the books or statement of the Secretary and Treasurer, compare the same with the vouchers, inspect the bank books, specify the balance of cash remaining in the Treasurer's hands at the time of passing his accounts, and examine any deeds or securities in possession of the Academy and report thereon.

6. In the event of the demise or resignation of any officer or auditor of the Academy, it shall be in the power of the President to appoint another Academician to fill the office till the next meeting of Council.

SECTION III.

THE COUNCIL.

1. The Council shall consist of twelve Academicians who, with the President and Vice-President, shall have the entire direction and management of all the business of the Academy which must not be delegated to nor assumed by committees of the general body.

2. The Council is in no respect whatever subordinate to the General Assembly.

3. The seats in the Council shall go by succession to all the Academicians. The six senior members of the Council shall go out by rotation every year, and these shall not re occupy their seats in the Council till all the rest of the Academicians have served or forfeited the right to serve or neglected to serve.

4. The newly-elected Academicians, having received their diplomas, shall be placed in the list of rotation so as to serve in the succeeding Council.

5. Whenever an Academician shall from any cause decline to be a member of the Council in regular rotation, his name shall be passed over and his claim to a seat forfeited till he shall again appear in regular rotation.

6. If any member of Council shall have failed to attend in his place for three successive meetings, such member shall be considered as having vacated his seat in the Council, and the seat so vacated shall be filled according to the provisions of the following law, unless such absence, for sufficient reasons assigned, shall be sanctioned by the Council.

Amendment to Section 3, Clause 7, to read as follows:

7. When a vacancy in the Council occurs from death, resignation or otherwise, the seat or seats vacated shall be filled by the next Academician or Academicians in rotation according to the printed orders of signiority. The President shall have the power to fill such vacancies as may occur and shall prepare the list of each new Council for confirmation at the semi-annual meeting of the Council. He shall also make reports of any changes of the membership of the Council which may have taken place between the times of meetings.

8. The lists of rotation shall be printed annually, and the name or names of new members, if any, shall be placed at the head of the list of the junior six members of the Council according to the order of receiving their diplomas. The President and Vice-President, being always of the Council, their names are to be omitted in such list of rotation, provided always that it shall be in the power of the President, with the consent of the Council to direct that in preparing the lists of rotation, Academicians not exceeding three in number, residing in the city where the next annual exhibition is to be held, may be substituted for a similar number residing at a distance, whose term of service in the Council shall be postponed until the exhibition visits their locality.

9. The Council shall meet as often as the business of the Academy requires it. The meeting of six members of Council, including the President, or Vice-President, or the deputy of the President, shall be deemed a quorum. It is also provided that on the requisition of seven members of the Council, not more than three of whom shall be residents of the same locality, being handed to the President or his deputy, asking for a special meeting, it shall be the

duty of such officer to summon such meeting, the object of which shall be distinctly specified in the requisition and summons.

10. In the absence of the President and Vice-President or the deputy of the President, it shall be in the power of six of the Council to nominate a chairman and proceed to business.

11. The Council shall initiate and adopt all new laws, but they shall have no force till ratified by the consent of the General Assembly and the approbation of the Governor-General.

12. All officers and servants of the Academy shall be subservient to the Council. The Council shall have power to reform all abuses, to censure those officers who are deficient in their duty, and with the consent of the general body and the Governor-General's permission, first obtained for that purpose, to suspend or entirely remove from their employment those who shall be found guilty of any great offence. Should any Academician or Associate fail to pay his annual subscription for two years in succession, after he has been duly notified of such neglect, the Council may at its discretion bring his name before the General Assembly and recommend that he be suspended or expelled, but, before such action is taken, the member in arrears shall receive one month's notice in writing.

13. No correspondence whatever connected with the business of the Academy shall be carried on without the concurrence of the Council, the routine business of departments excepted.

14. All business relative to the Academy, after it has been settled by the Council in the usual form, shall be laid before the Governor-General by the President, who shall make report to the Council of the Governor-General's pleasure thereon.

SECTION IV.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

1. There shall be an Annual General Assembly, held at the time of the annual Exhibition, at which the Council for the ensuing year shall be declared, officers, Academicians, Associates and Auditors elected, new laws passed

by the Council, confirmed or referred back to the Council for reconsideration, and any business transacted for which provision is made in the Constitution. At such Annual General Assembly Associates may be present, but only for the purpose of taking part in the election of Academicians as hereinafter provided.

2. Twelve Academicians, including the President, or Vice-President, or the deputy of the President, at the General Assembly shall be deemed a full meeting.

3. In the absence of the President and Vice-President and the deputy of the President, it shall be within the power of twelve Academicians at the General Assembly to nominate a chairman for the meeting and proceed to business.

4. No motion or proposition concerning the expenditure of money, or the censuring, suspension or expulsion of a member, shall be entertained at a meeting of General Assembly, of which notice has not been given in writing to the President two months previous to such meeting; such notice to be signed by the Academician proposing it, and the President shall on receipt of such motion inform the members of the terms thereof.

5. If any member shall become obnoxious to the Academy by improper conduct, he may be reprimanded, suspended or expelled by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present at a General Assembly of Academicians, to be decided by ballot and subject to the Governor-General's pleasure.

SECTION V.

ELECTION OF ACADEMICIANS AND ASSOCIATES.

The election of Academicians and Associates shall be held at the Annual General Assembly, the voting to be by ballot.

Academicians.

1. Election of Academicians can only be held after the Council shall have duly declared a vacancy, and not more than one vacancy shall be declared in a year in any class, except in cases of death, resignation, retirement or expulsion of Academicians, when the Council, if it see fit,

may declare further vacancies for the purposes of refilling the seats so vacated, and no one shall be eligible for election to such vacancies but an Associate of the class specified.

2. Academicians shall be elected by votes of Academicians and Associates, but an Associate can only vote at elections of Academicians of the class to which such Associate belongs.

3. When vacancies have been declared, the Secretary, two months before the date of election, shall forward to every Academician a list of the Associates eligible for such vacancies, the lists of Associates of the different classes to be separate. The Secretary shall forward to each Associate a list of Associates of the class to which such Associate belongs, each list to be signed on the back by the Secretary, and to have a margin marked "for signature of voter" placed so that it may be exposed when the list is sealed up.

4. Absent voters may vote by writing "Yes" against one name in such list for the vacancy declared, and shall then seal up the list, sign the exposed part reserved for voter's signature, and return the list to the Secretary.

5. The presiding officer at the General Annual Assembly shall appoint two Academicians to act as scrutineers.

6. If there are vacancies in more than one class, there shall be separate ballotings in each class.

7. Members present shall vote by writing "Yes" against one name for each vacancy.

8. When the scrutineers have collected the ballot papers of present voters, the presiding officer and Secretary, having satisfied themselves of the authenticity of the ballot papers of absent members received by the Secretary, shall, after tearing off the signatures, deliver the ballots to the scrutineers, who shall open them, and after adding such votes to the votes of those present, make return to the presiding officer of the number of votes received by each name on the list of Associates eligible for election.

9. The names receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected to the vacancies, provided always that no election can be secured without a majority of the votes cast, exclusive of a vote of the presiding officer.

10. If no one shall receive a sufficient number of votes to secure an election on the first ballot, other ballots may be taken at the discretion of the meeting on the same conditions as the first ballot.

11. A vacancy once having been declared shall be considered to exist until regularly filled by election.

12. No Academician elect shall receive his diploma until he has delivered to the Council of the Academy an example of his work in the branch of art which he professes, which work, when accepted by the Council, shall be deposited in the National Gallery in Ottawa, and should an Academician elect fail to deliver a specimen of his work of which the Council approves within a period of twelve months after his election, such election shall become void, unless there be such reason given for the omission as shall be deemed sufficient by the Council.

13. Every engraver, on being elected an Academician, shall deposit in the National Gallery a proof impression of one of his works after its having been accepted by the Council. He shall also be required to deposit in the National Gallery a proof impression of each of his works executed subsequently to his election as an Academician Engraver.

Associates.

14. Associates shall be artists of high attainments in their several professions, that is, painters, sculptors, architects, engravers and designers, and shall be elected by the Academicians by ballot at the Annual General Assembly from a list of candidates to be nominated as follows: Each Academician shall have the privilege of nominating candidates for the degree of Associate by inscribing the name of proposed candidate in a notice of nomination to be sent to the Secretary and placed in the books used for that purpose, provided that such candidate shall have exhibited in at least two exhibitions of the Academy. The Christian name and surname, the department of art or design practised, together with the residence of each candidate, must be written in full and signed by the proposer.

15. The list of nominations shall be closed one month before the opening of the annual Exhibition, when the Secretary will make out a list of candidates arranged alphabetically and in classes. A list shall be printed and sent to each Academician in the notice convening the General

Assembly. No name shall be printed in that list unless seconded by an Academician, and the names of both mover and seconder shall be given in the list. Such nomination once entered in the book shall require no repetition, but the Council shall have authority to eliminate from the annual printed list the names of candidates who, in its judgment, appear no longer eligible.

16. In election of Associates the presiding officer shall appoint two Academicians to act as Scrutineers.

17. Absent Academicians may vote by writing "Yes" or "No" against the list of candidates on the list furnished as aforesaid by the Secretary (of a similar character to that used in elections of Academicians), sealing the paper and leaving the signature exposed.

18. The presiding officer and Secretary, after satisfying themselves of the genuineness of the ballot papers of absent members, shall tear off the signatures and deliver the ballots to the scrutineers, who shall open them.

19. A separate ballot shall be taken for each name on the list of candidates, and the scrutineers shall add to the votes of Academicians present the votes for or against each name as recorded on the ballot papers of absent Academicians.

20. Any candidate receiving two-thirds of the votes cast, exclusive of the vote of the presiding officer, shall be declared elected. The first ballot in each case to be final.

21. No election of an Associate shall be valid till he has received his diploma signed by the President and Secretary.

22. An Associate elect who shall not take up his diploma within one year from his election will be considered as declining to become a member of the Academy, unless there shall be such reasons given for the omission as shall be deemed sufficient by the Council.

SECTION VI.

FUNDS.

1. No part of the funds of the Academy shall be applied to any purpose but those of the Institution.

2. There shall be an annual subscription paid by each Academician of ten dollars, and by each Associate of five dollars, the first payment to be made before the issue of diploma, and subsequent payments upon the first day of January in each and every year. Members in arrears shall not be allowed to vote at any meeting or elections.

3. All moneys which have been or may hereafter be invested in real estate or in Government securities shall be vested in the name of four trustees, who will be the President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer for the time being, and one other member of the Academy to be chosen by the Council; and the Council shall direct the Treasurer, or any other Trustee, to receive the sums, rent, interest or otherwise accruing therefrom as they become due.

4. Whenever any one of the said Trustees dies or desires to be discharged from, or refuses or becomes, in the opinion of the Council, unfit or incapable to act in reference to the trusts reposed in him, the Council shall immediately appoint some other member in his place; and upon such appointment all the trust property shall, with all convenient speed, be assigned to the new Trustee, jointly with the surviving or continuing Trustees, and he shall have the same power and liabilities as if originally nominated; such new Trustees shall, upon such assignment being made, execute a declaration of trust in reference to the trust property in favor of the Royal Canadian Academy.

5. A statement of accounts shall be brought annually before the General Assembly.

SECTION VII.

SALARIES.

1. The Secretary's salary shall be determined by the Council.

2. Members of Council shall, if the funds of the Academy permit of it, receive three cents travelling allowance per mile, going to and returning, in payment of expenses of travelling to attend Council meetings, if the distance to be travelled exceeds five miles.

3. Each member of committee for arranging the works of Art intended for exhibition shall be paid five dollars for each day of his attendance. The number of days during which the services of such committee is required to be determined by the President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, or the deputy of the President, or by his deputy, and not to exceed four, unless directly sanctioned by the President or his deputy.

4. The remuneration of employees in connection with the Exhibition or otherwise shall be determined by the Council.

SECTION VIII.

EXHIBITIONS.

1. There shall be an Annual Exhibition of Paintings, Sculpture, Engravings and Designs, in which all artists of distinguished merit shall be permitted to exhibit their works. It shall continue open to the public for a term which shall be at the discretion of the Council, and be under the regulations expressed in the by-laws of the Academy.

2. No copy, with the exception of Paintings in Enamel, and Engravings which have not been elsewhere publicly exhibited, shall be admitted into the Exhibition.

3. No work of Art which has been publicly exhibited in the city in which the Exhibition for the year is held shall be admitted.

4. Not more than ten pictures shall be received from each Academician or Associate, to be hung for sale in the Exhibition; and not more than four pictures shall be exhibited for any artist who is not a member of the Royal Canadian Academy. All works marked for sale in the catalogue must be the work of the Exhibitor and the property of the Exhibitor.

5. No work intended for exhibition shall be received after the time limited for the reception has expired.

6. Descriptions of works sent for the Exhibition to be as short as possible, and all unnecessary quotations to be condensed at the discretion of the Council.

7. Within three days after the time limited for receiving works of Art for exhibition has expired, the Committee of Arrangement, on being summoned, shall attend to receive or reject the same, which they have full power and authority to do.

8. The arrangement and disposition of the works of Art accepted for exhibition shall be entirely left to the Council, or to a committee appointed by them.

9. A Committee consisting of four Academicians shall be chosen out of members of Council for the arrangements of the Exhibition. The President or his deputy shall be an additional member of the Committee of arrangement.

10. A list of members of the Royal Canadian Academy shall be printed and inserted in the catalogue after the title page.

11. Titles of exhibitors, other than those of the Royal Canadian Academy, shall be given only in the index of artists' names at the end of the catalogue; and in case of a member exhibiting in a class to which he does not belong the letters designating his rank in the Academy shall be omitted when his name appears in connection with such exhibit.

12. No application for changing the situation of any work of Art, after the Committee has finished the arrangement and the members are admitted to view the Exhibition, can be attended to or permitted.

13. One day or more, at the discretion of the Council, shall be allowed to all exhibitors for the purpose of varnishing or painting on their pictures in the places which have been allotted to them previous to the day appointed for the private view; but no member of the Academy or of the Council shall, on any pretence whatever, be permitted to paint upon or varnish his picture from the period appointed for receiving the works of exhibitors to the day of opening the Exhibition to the public, except upon the days appointed as above by the Council for that purpose—accidents to works of art arising within the walls of the Royal Academy excepted.

14. No persons can be admitted into the rooms before the Exhibition opens, the Committee of Arrangements and necessary servants excepted.

15. No member of the Committee of Arrangements shall communicate with any member of the Academy or other artists on the situation of their works during the time of arrangement for exhibition without the consent of a majority of the Council. All servants of the Academy, and other persons employed in the arrangement of the Exhibition, are strictly prohibited from giving information to any artist or person whatever respecting the situation in which their work may be placed, and warning of such prohibition shall be given by the President previous to proceeding with the examination of works offered for exhibition.

16. Works sent for exhibition, being a trust reposed in the Royal Canadian Academy, no permission to copy them during the term of exhibition shall on any account be granted.

17. Academicians, Associates and Exhibitors shall have full admittance to the Exhibition after it has been opened.

18. The Exhibitions of the Royal Canadian Academy shall be held every year in rotation in such cities of the Dominion as may be determined by the Council.

SECTION IX.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

There shall be an Annual Evening Assembly of Academicians and Associates in the rooms of the Exhibition on some evening to be determined by the Committee of Arrangements.

The Committee of Arrangements, with the sanction of the Council, may also issue invitations to those whom, in its judgment, it may be in the interests of the Academy to ask to be present.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE
THE
ROYAL CANADIAN ACADEMY OF ARTS

WHEREAS a society, consisting of professional artists, has been founded in the Dominion of Canada by His Excellency the Right Honorable the Marquis of Lorne, Governor-General of Canada, and by Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, and, with the sanction of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, has been entitled the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts; and, whereas, the said Society hath, by petition, prayed for an Act to incorporate the said Society; and, whereas, it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: THEREFORE, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. The present members of the said Society, who have complied with all conditions of membership under the present constitution thereof, and such other artists as may hereafter become Academicians and Associates pursuant to the provisions hereinafter set forth, shall be and are hereby incorporated and constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the "Royal Canadian Academy of Arts," hereinafter called the Academy; the objects of the said corporation shall be the encouragement of Design, as applied to Painting, Sculpture, Architecture, Engraving and the Industrial Arts, and the promotion and support of Education, leading to the production of beautiful and excellent work in manufactures; such objects to be attained by:

1st.—The institution of a National Gallery at the seat of Government;

2nd.—The holding of exhibitions in the principal cities of the Dominion;

3rd.—The establishment of Schools of Art and Design.

2. There shall be two orders of members of the Academy, viz.: Academicians and Associates, all of whom shall be artists by profession, and either painters,

sculptors, architects, engravers or designers, who shall be British subjects, or, if aliens, permanent residents in the Dominion.

3. The said Academy shall consist of not more than forty Academicians, of whom not more than ten shall be architects, not more than three engravers, and not more than six designers, and of an unlimited number of Associates.

4. An "Academician" shall be an artist by profession, and shall have contributed to the National Gallery of the Dominion a picture, piece of sculpture, design or engraving, approved and accepted by the Council as a satisfactory specimen of his work in his particular branch of art, and shall have signed the obligation in form and manner prescribed by the Governor-General, or as may hereafter be prescribed by the laws of the Academy, and shall have received a diploma signed by the Governor-General.

5. An "Associate" shall be an artist by profession, whose election shall be approved by the Governor-General, and who shall have received a diploma signed by the President of the Academy.

6. There shall be annually one general meeting of the Academy at which the Associates may be present, but only for the purpose of taking part in the election of Academicians as hereafter provided. At such meeting the President shall declare the Council; and the Academy shall elect officers and new members and confirm new laws; adjudge premiums to be given to students, donations to art schools and to any student who is sent abroad; hear complaints and redress grievances; and transact any other business relative to the Academy of which such notice shall have been given as may be required by the laws of the Academy; such meeting to be held at such time and place during the holding of an annual exhibition as the President may appoint.

7. At such general annual meeting the Academicians and Associates shall jointly elect by ballot from amongst the Associates such members for Academicians as may have been previously ordered by the Council to be elected; and the Academicians shall also at said meeting ballot for any artist eligible as an associate member of the Academy whose name has been proposed for election as such Associate, and if such person shall obtain a majority of votes

of Academicians present at the meeting, he shall be declared elected ; provided that Associate Architects shall vote only for the election of architects, and all other Associates shall vote in all elections except those of architects.

8. The government of the Academy shall be vested in a Council to be composed of the President, Vice-President and twelve Academicians to be appointed as next hereinafter provided.

9. The present Council shall continue in office until the next general annual meeting, when the six senior members of the Council shall retire and their places be filled by other Academicians, who shall serve in rotation in the manner directed by any rule in that behalf, so that the seats in the Council may go by succession to all the Academicians. The six senior members of the Council shall subsequently retire by rotation yearly, and these shall not reoccupy their seats in the Council till all the rest of the Academicians have served.

10. The President shall have power to assemble the Council as often as he shall think it necessary.

11. The President shall have power to nominate one of the Council to act as his deputy in the absence of the President and Vice-President.

12. The President or his deputy, and no other person, shall have power to summon either the Council or any general meeting. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President authorized by him shall have the same powers. In the event of the Vice-President being unable to undertake the President's functions, the President may nominate another deputy.

13. The constitution, rules and by-laws of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts, as existing at the time of the passing of this Act, shall be and continue as the constitution, rules and by-laws of the said Academy so far as the same are consistent with this Act and with the laws of Canada and the Provinces thereof, until the same are altered or repealed in the manner prescribed by this Act.

14. No such rule or by-law shall be altered or repealed, or new rule or by-law made, except at a meeting of the Council to be called for that purpose, of which notice shall be mailed to each member of the Council at least fourteen days before such meeting takes place.

15. The Council for the time being shall have power, at any meeting called for the purpose, to amend, repeal or add to the then existing rules and by-laws in such manner as it may be deemed expedient for the interests of the Academy in respect to the following matters :

- 1st.—The election of new members ;
- 2nd.—The vacating of membership owing to the absence or non-attendance of members.
- 3rd.—The regulation and collection of fees payable by members ;
- 4th.—The suspension or expulsion of obnoxious members ; but no expulsion to take place except upon a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present at the general annual meeting ;
- 5th.—The granting of premiums or donations to distressed artists who have been exhibitors at the Exhibition of the Academy, or to their widows or children ;
- 6th.—The holding of meetings and the conduct of business thereat ;
- 7th.—The management of the affairs of the Academy where not otherwise provided for by this Act, and all other matters necessary or expedient to carry out its objects ; provided that such new rule or by-law be not inconsistent with this Act, or with the laws of the Dominion or of any Province thereof.

16. Such new rule or by-law, or any amendment or repeal of any rule or by-law, shall only have force until the next general meeting of the Academy, when it shall be either confirmed or annulled by the Academicians, and shall in no case come into force until approved by the Governor-General. All changes in existing rules or by-laws must originate with the Council ; all business relative to the Academy, after it has been settled by the Council, shall be laid before the Governor General by the President ; and the President or his deputy shall make report to the Council of the Governor-General's pleasure thereon.

17. The Academy may sue or be sued in its corporate name.

18. It shall be lawful for the said Academy to acquire and hold any such real or personal property as it may require for actual use or occupation, or to carry out the objects of its incorporation.

19. It shall be lawful for the said Academy to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the property so acquired under the constitution, rules and regulations and by laws of the said corporation, subject to the law of the Province in which such property is situated.

20. The present President and Vice-President having been appointed in the first instance by the Governor-General in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty, for a term of five years terminating at the time of the general meeting of the Academy in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, shall hold office for that time, and their successors shall subsequently be elected annually at the annual meeting, as shall be also the Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor or Auditors.

21. If the Presidency or Vice-Presidency is vacated before five years shall have elapsed from the date of the appointment of the first President or Vice-President, the Governor General shall appoint to either the Presidency or the Vice-Presidency.

22. Except as hereinbefore provided, the Council shall have power to fill a vacancy in any office which may occur during the year.

